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**Supplemental
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Examiner

Tianjie Chen

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephone conversation on 08/24/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Detailed Action

1. Per Application's request on telephone conversation with Supervisory Patent Examiner Hoa Nguyen on 08/24/2004, Examiner has considered Applicant's request and has claims 2-4 rejoined for consideration and found allowable.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

- With regard to claim 1, as the closest reference, a combination of Kage et al (JP 8-045156A) and Sato et al (US 6,392,980) shows a disc player having a clamper and disk supporting portion with a clamper engagement portion, **but files to show** that the axis, about which the disc selecting lever is oscillatably journaled, is also substantially parallel to the plane defined by upper surface of the disc.
- With regard to claim 7, as the closest reference, a combination of Kage et al (JP 8-045156A) and Sato et al (US 6,392,980) shows a disc player having a clamper and disk supporting portion with a clamper engagement portion, **but files to show** that the clamper engaging portion has: an operation lever with one end portion projecting above the disc supporting portion, and the other end portion performing advancing/ retracting operation with respect to the disc supporting portion in accordance with presence /absence of the pushing operation of the disc with respect to the one end portion; a main body member connected to the other end portion of the operation lever; and energizing means for energizing

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the other end portion of the operation lever toward the direction separating from the disc supporting portion.

- Applicant asserts that in this disk player the operation lever is used to cause the advancing and retracting of the clamper (Specification, p. 30, lines 15-21), thus making the disk player having a configuration, which can easily realize low profiling of the entire structure (Specification, p. 5, liners 20-23).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

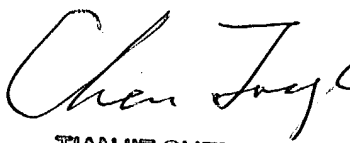
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tianjie Chen whose telephone number is (703) 305-7499. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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